

REMARKS

This RCE and Response is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated April 30, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 30, 2008. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1, 4-9, 33, and 34 are rejected, and claims 35-43 are objected to by the Examiner but would be allowable if redrafted in independent form.

Claims 1, 4-9, and 33, 34, and 36-63 remain pending in the application after entry of this response. Claims 1, 38, 40, and 42 have been amended and new claims 44-63 have been added. No new matter has been added by either the amendments or new claims. Claim 35 has been canceled without prejudice.

New claims 44, 51, and 58-63 are claims 36-43 (before current amendment to claim 1), respectively, redrafted in independent form. Please note, claims 58 and 60 have been revised (see amendments to claims 38 and 40); however, Applicants do not believe that these revisions affect the allowability of the claims.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

Claims 1, 4-9, 33, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Buchanan* (US 2002/0066568) in view of *Eno* (US 5,923,111). Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate claim 35. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

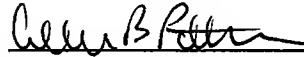
Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 35-43 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate claim 35. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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